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PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 TO RESPOND TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 18, 2005

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on May 18, 2005. The Office Action established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. As such, the three-month shortened statutory time to respond was August 15, 2005. If this petition for a one-month extension of time is granted, the response will be due on Monday, September 19, 2005.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee for a one-month extension of time in the amount of \$60.00 and any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to the credit card identified in the attached Credit Card Payment Form. Please credit any overpayments to this same credit card.

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